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CASTELLANE'S NEW ROLE.

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Manded"—Some Original Opinions on Chair.

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With this explanatory preface Count Boni proceeds to give the conclusions about the Boxers that his studies have developed. In general terms his view of the Boxer uprising is that it is not the movement of any particular secret society, with which the Empress might be able to treat, that she might hold in check, and to which she might orpose the influence of the other secret societies. It is not, in Count Boni de Castellane's view, a movement so simple as this, but, on the contrary, a formidable insurrectionary movement, involving and carrying with it all the secret societies of the central region of China, from Chi-lito Pekin, and rallying to its standard the entire population, all infuriated against the Europeans.

"In unchaining such a force," continues M. de Castellane "the Empress has been guilty of a imprudence analogous to that of a European Government which, in order to maintain the domination of a certain party, or even of institutions themselves, would make appeals to the anti-social forces, Anarchists or collectivists which at the present are multiplying rapidly prefix much all over the western world. At this game she runs the risk of destroying, not only her own individual power and dynasty, but even China itself. The European Intervention necessitated by recent events cannot fail to end in a manner entirely different from the interventions of the past. It is very improbable that it will result merely in the restoration at Pekin of influences favorable to the Occident. The Powers will require more and the solutions of the problem that one can foresee at this moment are likely to be much more radical.

"The first solution suggested is the dismembers of pursue, under the present political statu gue, the economic conquext of southern China, Peussia has no reason for wishing a division of China. A tradition of her diplomats is latterly in the newspapers of the leading countries -particularly in the English and German

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"One of the old slang phrases of the stage." "was 'to pong." This means, or used to mean part without cues of the proper lines, relying only upon a knowledge of the play to carry used to be some highly fudicrous situations in consequence of a new plat being produced in a burry. The stage manager, however, had a wonderful genius for patching up a hitch. sometimes lower a front scene, and tell the low comedian and chambermaid to go on, and comedian and chambermaid to go on, and 'keep it un,' and while they did so, he would arrange how the play had to be continued. 'Of course, actors are sur posed to help one another out of a difficulty, but at times old grudges were paid off. For instance, I remember on one occasion a letter had to be read in one seene. I infortunately this letter could not be found, so a 'dummy,' that is, a binny be to how the seene in the letter, and seeing it blank, here's a letter for you. You had better read it, yourself, as I am sure it contains good news.

"But dad tumbled to the occasion, and replied. 'No, Tom, you read it. I've misiatid my spectacles.

"Bless me, said Tom, it is written so badly I can't make out a word of it. Here, Nelly you read it.

"The unsuspecting Nelly takes the letter, and seeing it blank, says. 'No, father had better read it. He will be able to make it out better I'll go and ferch, our spectacles. I know where the are. And off she goes.

"The old man is again equal to the occasion, and calls out to her, 'Never mind Fringing them, Nelly, I'll come and get them.' hen he walks off and the stage manager ha, or re-arrange the scene.

"Tes sir, there's a lot in the theatrical business rou outsiders never dream of."

fin a meeting held at the bar of one Hickey, how a meeting held at the bar of one Hickey, how dispensorial citizen' of Lynn, Mass. Since then the reputation and power of the order have spread from Lynn to Haverhill, Lawrence and other shoe towns, to Boshill, Lawrence and the bar of one Hickey, how shoe to be a shoe towns, to Boshill, Lawrence and the bar of the b on, and even in far away 'Frisco a man might to among a party of tramps, suddenly exclaim. The Hogans!' and rare occasion indeed if some ragged fellow did not give the Hogans's countersign of throwing up his hands, namely, holding both hands high above the head for a

moment. "This countersign was adopted owing to the fact that in initiating a member into the order of the Hogans, a high functionary makes it his ousiness to apply to the aspirant a string of questions calculated to draw out the latter's riews on politics, ethics and sociology, and unsatisfactory replies, of which the unfortunate candidate is bound to make many, subect him to numerous swats with bladders, the functionary always being equipped with a brace of them. A man is bound to raise his ands more or less to escape the rain of blows. If he is moderately quick witted, he soon discovers that the higher he gets his hands, the ess frequent the blows. Finally, with his hands as far above his head as he can get them, he finds that he has been led by progressive object lessons to grasp the sign of the order, which is a token of complete submission, 'throw-

ing up the hands." "Organized, at the beginning, as mainly a ocial club of clever, fun-loving and congenial ynn citizens, the unique drolleries and capers f the Hogans caused its reputation to spread nuch as did that of the famous Whitechapel Club of Chicago, when, during the summer of he Columbian Exposition, men from all cities of the world, celebrated in the professions and arts, thought their visit to the Fair not rounded ut unless they had left their names on the register in the dingy little room in Calhoun place. On the book were gathered the signaures of such as Henry Irving, Beerbohm Tree, Max O'Rell, Robert G. Ingersoll and Coquelin. The Hogans became a power in Lynn and Haverhill politics. If these towns have become hotbeds of socialistic and other theories, based on the assumption that any man has as good a right to agitate for the benefit of the comnonweal as has his brother, it is claimed that the social revolution is largely due to the parades and meetings of the Hogans, wherein they have unmercifully burlesqued and held up to public ridicule the folbles, falsities and weaknesses of various politicians. In the speeches of high Hogans officers have the flaws of political ambitions been exposed and on the banners of the Hogans parades have effective criticisms of the local city government been emblazoned.

This Country Tearly.

Razor strops are made in hundreds of varieties counting kinds, qualities, materials sizes, styles and manner of finish. They are produced in this country to the number of millions annually, and American razor strops are exported to all parts of the world.

The very best of the swing strops now so extensively used are made of Russian leather.

Strops of this kind, with the very simplest sort of mountings at one end to hang the strop up by and at the other end to hold it by, cost from 5 to \$2 each. Strops of imitation Russian leather are sold as cheaply as 50 cents. Fine Russian leather swing strops with silver mountings razor strops are made of horsehide, of which in fact a very large proportion of all swing strops are made. Horsehide strops are produced in great variety, genuine horsehide strops being sold at from 25 cents to \$1.25 each. Imitation horsehide strops, made of cowhide, are seld at various prices, from 10 cents to 75 cents each. Swing razor strops are made also of calfskin and of porpoise leather.

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HOGANS AND THE BIG WIND

THE LYNN SECRET SOCIETY AND ITS

ANNUAL CELEBRATION.

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Country—Its Countersign the Holding of
the Hands High Above the Head—How
Hundreds of Hoboes Get Into the Order.

Boston, Aug. 18. "The Hogans will celebrate
the night of the Big Wind this year with more
than usual éclat," says a young Boston lawyer,
who is a prominent member of the order. "The
Hogans had its inception some ten years ago
in a meeting held at the bar of one Hickey, a
well-known 'dispensorial citizen' of Lynn."

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PARTIES IN MINNESOTA. John Lind and the Swedes Against Knute

Nelson and the Norwegians. A Governor of Minnesota is to be elected this year in place of John Lind, Populist Democrat, who is a candidate to succeed himself, and for this office the Republicans have nomi-nated S. R. Van Sant. The term of United States Senator Knute Nelson, Republican, expires on March 4 next, and the Legislature to be chosen this year is to elect a successor. The Republicans at their convention in June committed the party by a resolution to the candidature for the Senate of Mr. Nelson, who was elected Governor of the State in 1892, his colleague in Washington, Senator Davis, having been Governor of Minnesota some years before. In a majority of the Western States the

allegiance of which to the Republican party and its candidates is otherwise undoubted a familiar question of the canvass has been "How will the German-Americans vote?" it being a theory (though probably an erroneous one) with many statesman in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin that the profound concern of the German-American citizens in those States over the fantastic question of "imperialism" so far outweighs all other considerations that they would be willing to discard them if convinced that "imperialism" was at stake. There are a considerable number of German electors in Minnesota, but decidedly fewer than in any of the neighboring large States, the total being about one-half as many as in Wisconsin and one-third as many as in Illinois. The Minnesota Germans, who are most numerous in St. Paul, are by no means the chief element of the foreign voting population in the Gopher State, and they do not maintain usually any separate organization, being overshadowed in political importance by the Scandinavians, who out-number them in the proportion of about two

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Properly speaking, Swedes and Norwegians are the only Scandinavians represented in the voting population of Minnesota, for there are few Danes or Finns, and of recent years the Swedes and Norwegians, who are very evenly divided, heve not often acted together as they did formerly, the Swedes being inclined to the Democratic party and the Norwegians being generally Republican. The inclination of the Swedes to the Democracy, however, is not on political so much as on personal grounds. Mr. Lind, the present Governor, was the Democratic candidate for that office in 1888 and was defeated by a very small majority, although the State went overwhelmingly for McKinley. He is the most conspicuous Swedish leader in the State, and when he ran a second time for Governor in 1898 he was elected, though all his colleagues on the Democratic ticket were defeated by their Republican epponents. As strong among the Norwegians as John Lind is among the Swedes is Knute Nelson, whom the Republicans are supporting for reelection to the United States Senate, and in this year's contest in Minnesota, therefore, the Scandinavian vote is split squarely in two—one detachment of it being Democratic and the other Republican. It is this circumstance which has been held in many quarters to make the State, otherwise Republican at issue there appears to many to turn on how the Scandinavians have been Republican, and it is thought that there are many Swedes who, while voting for the Democratic State ticket, will vote for the Republican national ticket in Minnesota.

MONSTERS PRODUCED TO ORDER. Horrible Transformations in Homan Reines by Chinese Experts.

From the Morning Oregonian. From time to time the Chinese authorities by official proclamation warn the people of

a novel plan to keep cool during the hot weather last week. Every day while walking through William street near the printing establishments one could see about a dozen youngsters bunched together with their heads bent near the sidewalk. One of them was always rolling a pair of dice. One of them was asked why the dice were not passed along. He explained that they were not shooting craps, but just waiting for a pail of water to come down from some window above and cool them off, and sure enough in a short time the water came down, and the boys, instead of swearing, yelled for more, which they soon got. The crowd then moved further down the block and at every place they stopped they received a dousing.

according to some theory of the possibilities of the trump suit, this is still a large subject, and capable of results which have not been reached so far. Systems which were intended to show the number or strength of the trumps in the hand by variations in the plain-suit openings did not seem to be in favor, probably because all such methods necessarily introduce irregularities in the leads, which must be more or less confusing to the partner. The followers of the force-me and dont-force-me leads and discards were very few, and there were only one or two teams that used the system of following the fourth best with a lower card only

The winning principles in the manageme of the trumps seemed to be: leading them at the right time; exact information to the strong hand as to the number held; stopping when there was some evident advantage in the position even if it required a refusal to return partner's trump lead to do so; getting the first force of the strong hand; and, refusing to win the second round when you cannot also win the third. There were a great many interesting hands at the congress which illustrated these principles and in many cases the examples were emphasized by striking differences in the number of tricks made with the same cards. Some of these trump-situation deals were rather ticklish affairs to handle and kept the players guessing as to the best course to pursue. Sometimes the course selected would make little or no difference in the result, and then again it would win or lose five or six tricks.

when they were willing to have the partner

These hands which are capable of being handled in many different ways are always the most interesting, especially when the doubtful point cannot be decided by any hard-andfast book rules, but must be left entirely to the judgment of the man who guides the play The competition among the experts on these hands is very much like a race among the new one-design class of 70-footers, when each man knows that his boat is exactly like all the others and that if he comes out ahead he can congratulate himself on having managed things a little

better.

As an example of critical situations in trumps, take the following deal, which is No. 5 in the Minneapolis pair, contest on Friday afternoon. Z dealt and turned the five of hearts.

TRICK.	1 A	1 Y	B	Z
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3	JO	KO	9 0	100
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1	20		Q	Ø 5
2	44	QQ	48	4.7
3	V 6	A .	410	6.

And B getsix trick?

Trick! If the singleton is opened, as it was at some tables, a great deal depends on Y's play and his idea of the situation. If he reads the spade five as opened from a long suit, and therefore avoids it, he will have nothing else to lead trumps for and will probably try the supporting jack of clubs. If Z finesses this card, as many bad players do, A will get a chance to open the diamonds and B will return the spade. Another diamond and a trump lead from Y and Y is forced, giving A—B six tricks.

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On the diamond opening. Y does not put up the king second hand from king and one small, because he wishes to preserve every possible reentry to bring in the spade suit. This is a very common reason for making an exception to the modern rule of playing king second hand on a small card led, even in plain suits. "Cavendish," when asked about this play of the king second hand from king and one small, used to say. "It triumps ever in plain suits never."

the trumps. Z cannot tell that A has no more spades.

Trick 11. A now gets a trump situation to think about. If he attempts to prevent the adversaries from making their trumps separately by leading his last trump, trusting his partner for a stopper in spades, he never makes another trick.

Many persons would object to passing the winning diamond at trick 6, but the theory of the play is undoubtedly correct even if it did not gain anything on this particular deal. Here is an illustration of a very similar position in which refusing to ruff a sure winning card second hand would have saved just six tricks. The deal was played in the open pairs on Friday night and the position came just right for several players, but none of them took advantage of it. Z dealt and turned the nine of hearts.

TRICE.	1 A	Y	В	Z
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6		OA	Ol	₽3
7	04	OK	7 .	8 0
8	♥ 7	♥ A ♥ K ♥ ¢	10 ♦	100
9	49	70	4.1	2 •
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1	3 .	6 .	48	8 .
2	5 .	9 4	<u> </u>	Q .
3	K .	J .	4 5	A .

Y and Z get four tricks only.

Trick 1. This is not a good opening from such a hand, because it conveys to the partner an impression of general weakness when the hand is really very strong. A small club would be much better. Y follows the correct principle in covering the jack with the acc when holding both acc and queen second hand, which is the only way to make both those cerds. To play the queen second hand is to finesse against your partner, because if the king is in third hand you throw your queen away, and if your partner has the king he can attend to the trick. Either play the acc or poss the jack altogether. Trick 2. With a ruff staring him in the face and a short suit opened against him, presumably indicating weak trumps. Y might have led his high trumps first, so as to be sure of three rounds.

Trick 4. The inference made on this trick is the key to the play that follows. The seven of clubs is known to be led by a fourth-best player,

ten was the only one in Z's hand, but if Q 0, the J is with Z.

Trick 5. This is the fatal error. If the ten was the only club in Z's hand, he can ruff this trick and perhaps lead another trump. As it happens he would have led a low spade and Y's laok would have won. If Z has any more clubs he has one only, and Y could well afford to risk passing this trick. But Y was so confident that A was short in trumps when he opened a short suit, that it seemed easy to ruff in and draw all the trumps, a mistake which cost six tricks.

Trick S. Another illustration of the position spoken of in The Sun two weeks ago, when it is too late to force. The long trump and the established clubs are marked against Y, and he should have led the unknown suit, spades, which would have saved a trick.

Several pairs had the chance on this hand to get just enough to make them top score and give them one of the much-covered buttons, all of which goes to prove the truth of the Chinese proverb that the gods cannot help a man that loses opportunities.

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There are quite a number of interesting trump problems in this deal. If Y leads the high trumps first, getting three rounds imme lately, he does not exhaust A as he thinks he will, but B will start the club suit just the same, after winning the third round of trumps with the jack. Y will then have a very pretty position presented to him, in which he will have to pass the second and third round of clubs, so as to exhaust the suit in the hand of the player with the long trump. This would force A to ruff the diamonds and lead spades up to Z's tenace, and if Z had kept one diamond to lead to his partner, Y and Z would get eight tricks, or four more than in the play given, but still two less than were possible if Y passed the club at trick 5. It is an old maxim that in the majority of cases in which you have four trumps only, it will pay to refuse to win the second round unless you can also win the third. In the progressive pairs on Friday afternoon there was a ceal, No. 2, which illustrated this point in a rather striking manner. Here is the play at one table, the five of hearts turned:

TRICE.	1 A	Y	В	Z
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Trick 1. Short-sulters would lead the queen of diamonds from this hand as a feeler, to see whether partner could protect that suit. Then is no necessity to rush to trumps, and she may have only the ace and the king be on the left. If the second diamond is led, B will respond by coming back with his weak suit, the clust. This confession of weakness in clubs the left. If the second diamond is led, B will respond by coming back with his weak suit, the clust. This confession of weakness in clubs the left. If the second diamond is led, B will respond by coming back with his weak suit, the clust. This confession of weakness in clubs the left. If the second diamond is led, B will respond by coming back with his weak suit, the clust. This confession of weakness in clubs the left. If the second round Z would have to lead a club in self-defence, giving A-B sit vicks. If B should return the trick is lead a club in self-defence, giving A-B sit vicks. If B should return the trick is a passing the doubtful trick and discarding a club shows Y two things, four trumps himself, and protection in Z-s weak suit, naturally leads trumps.

Trick 3. Passing the doubtful trick and discarding a club shows Y two things, four trumps and probable strength in diamonds. Y having four trumps himself, and protection in Z-s weak suit, naturally leads trumps.

Trick 4. This is one of the positions in which second hand, with one of the coards, but in this case the position of the ace is known, because it cannot be with Z, who would return it if he held it, so it must be behind A and it used to be a position of the ace is known, because it cannot be with Z, who would return it if he held it, so it must be behind A and the world and the position of the ace is known, because it I cannot be with Z, who would return it if he held it, so it must be behind A and the world and the position of the ace is known, because it I cannot be with Z, who would return it if he held it, so it must be behind A man and the position of t

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Now look at the difference in the result if Y

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Y and Z get nine tricks: a gain of six.

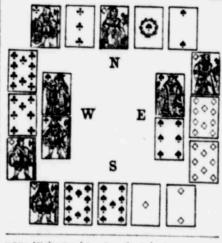
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Trick 5. Un to this point the play is the same except that Y refuses to win the second round of trumps. With two trumps marked in one hand against him, Y starts his own suit, which is better than trusting his partner's discerd. Z must rut his ace on the queen, so as to unblook, because his partner must have had a good suit of clubs to justify his trump lead with the whole spade suit against him. Nothing can be lost by playing the ace and returning the small card as the king would certainly have gone up second hand if B held it.

Trick 7. A thinks he must drop two trumps for one and leave himself with the best. Capt. Ward would have himself with the best capt. Ward would have himself with the best capt. Ward would have to stick a good time to shift and he would have saved a trick by it as two tricks can be made in the diamond suit if it is led now.

The difference in the result, six tricks, looks like a good price to pay for the violation of such a simple principle as refusing to win the second round of trumps. Those six tricks would have gone a long way toward making high score in a game which was so closely connected that a very small plus would win it. Some may object that there is a good deal of luck in such hards as these, a great deal depending on the position being made for you by the way the hands as these, a great deal depending on the position being made for you by the way the hands as these a great deal depending on the position being made for you by the way the hands as these a great deal depending on the position being made for you by the way the hands as these a great deal depending on the position being made for you by the way the hand near year at Milwaukee, and you will have all the chances

In the following position, hearts are trumps and N is to lead. With S for a partner, how



From the Baltimore American.

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CARLISLE, Pa., Aug. 15.—Farmer Jonas Hertzler is lying ser ously injured at his home, near Shepherdstown, as the result of being blown up by the explosion of an empty whiskey barrel. He had purchased the barrel, and on getting home found the side bunghole of the cask too small. Heating an iron rod to white heat, he sat astride the cask and bagan burning the wood around the noie. Suddenly there was a violent explos on and Mr. Hertzler was hurled him in the air with the fragments of the barrel. When assistance reached him he was found to be severely injured internally with numerous cuts and cashes on his face and body. He may not recover. The explosion was heard a mile away.

OVERHEARD ON THE PIAZZA

KINDLY WORDS FROM THE BELLE TO THE NEW YOUNG MAN.

Lures at the Summer Hatel for the Masculine Arrival-The St. Louis Grass Widow and the Girl That Tumbles Out of the Hammock-The Case Stated With Exactness, The belle of the High Peak Hotel tilted her reen parasol over er shoulder and smiled tenderly upon the young man who had arrived he evening before. She had risen early and ipped the head walter to give him a seat at her table. Then she had assiduously passed him things until they had become acquainted. Now she had him corralled in a corner of the plazza and was encouraging him with a few

kind words. "I suppose it's awfully warm in the city." she said. "It always is this time of year. But it's been cool here right along. We have to have blankets nights; and except in the middle of the day, when it's warm everywhere, we can't complain. I've been here since the last week in July, and I've had a lovely time. The nountain air is so bracing, don't you think? Or perhaps you like the seashore? Well, it's such a relief to get away from society and the dressing and all that But maybe you co out a great deal and care for that sort of thing? If you do there's life enough here, of coursethat is, if you care for it; but it's not a bit like the seashore Up at the Top Notch House hey have hops twice a week and there's agreat deal of gayety-if you like to keep on the go all

"Oh, no, not at all. I came here for a rest "That's what I think is the thing one ought to do in summer. What's the use of keeping up the endless round of dancing and dressing and all that? Do you dance? We're going to have a barn dance here Saturday night, I'll give you a waltz or two if you like. We're going to insist on the men wearing their dress suits. I think it's a mistake when men come to the mountains to allow them to think they can dispense with all rules and formality, don't Besides, if they wear the ordinary things it looks so odd for a girl to put on a low-necked frock. And if we can't wear our low-necked gowns at a dance when can we wear them?

"I see you looking at that watery-eyed blonds over there with the blue worsted shawl. Don't act as though we're talking about her. Hal

wants every body to know it."

"Married?"

"Well, she seems to have a husband. Poor man! That is, I suppose, he's her husband. She wears a wedding ring. But, dear me! They are so affectionate in public that it's very suspicious. He comes up every Friday night with baskets of fruit and candy and things-regular property husband, you know. She meets him at the train and they're inseparable until Monday morning. Well, one the train is safely started and they're thrown kisses as long as it's in sight, she goes about with two boys from the Alibazam House—mere children—and they the Alibazam House mere children—and they act perfectly disgraceful. Really, somebody ought to tell her husband. They sat up on the back plazza the other night until 2 o'clock

ought to tell her husband. They sat up on the back piazza the other night until 2 o'clock and kept every one awake singing songs, and in the morning the cook found eight empty beer bottles and a lot of cigarette stubs on the grass. "I'd like to meet her."

"Oh, you can meet her easy enough. She's looking up now through the hammock with one eye and I wouldn't be at all surprised if she'd do her great lofty tumbling act in a moment. Now remember if you go over to pick her up I shall be very much offended. I wouldn't mind if it was an accident, but it's only a trick, and a very old trick. Of course, if you like a girl like that, it's different. But I didn't imagine you were that kind of man! It's all a matter of taste, of course, but I hate a married woman that goes on that way with every man that comes along and then acts like a turtle dove when her husband comes on the scene."

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"It should say not! Of course, some girls have to make those violent efforts to get any attention and they become positively unfeminine in their anxiety to appear to be popular. But there are others!"

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"The only man at this hotel that isn't married and, of course, the married ones don't count, and their wives don't give you a chance for two words of conversation with them-is that pale, sickly, interesting looking chap reading the book under the tree. Well, he looks all right, doesn't he? But what do you think lie can't speak a word of English! I sent to town for a Spanish dictionary the day after the arrived and I learned just a few words that meant good morning and good evening and how do you feel to-day? and I tried them on him at breakfast; but I suppose I didn't pronounce them right, for he only shook his head and said something in Spanish. He is here for his health and he has bottles of some sort of mineral water at the table. Do you know, I think it is horrid at these places that they begin to have a wretched table along in August. Now we've only had cantaloures twice and my sister writes me from the city that they are dirt cheap. Then if you ask for more of anything it's always out. For my part Lotten wonder what we leave comfortable homes for and come to these places. Of course, there's the air and golf. Do you solf? Int't that nice! No. I don't play, but I am just dying to learn. I feel that I could learn easily with an intelligent teacher. I learned German, in two weeks. It's very interesting. Ohpshaw! I've dropped my book! Thank you, oh, thank you so much! I'm just reading it. Do you enloy reading? Have you read 'Quo Vadis' and 'To Have and To Hold'. Thank you, oh, thank you so much! I'm just reading it. Do you enloy reading? Have you read 'Quo Vadis' and 'To Have and To Hold'. Thank you, oh, thank you so much! I'm just reading it has not be suppose we see all the new plays? Do you like Maude Adams? And Mrs. Carlet's Everybody says I look like her because I wear my hair pompadour. My hair isn't her shade exactly. Isn't down to the last the T